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FINANCIAL REPORT

OF THE SELECTMEN AND TREASURER OF THE TOWN OF GIL-
SUM, FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1ST, 1880.

APPROPRIATIONS, MARCH, 1879.

For town charges and debts of town,	\$ 50
For support of highways,	200 00
For support of schools,	800 00
Total valuation of town, April 1st, 1879, including polls,	\$265,472 00

AMOUNT OF MONEY TAX ASSESSED.

State tax,	\$712 00
County tax,	588 18
To pay town charges,	50
To support highways,	200 00
“ schools,	800 00
Percentage,	88 51
Rate of taxation, \$0.90 on one hundred dollars.	
Tax assessed on 27 dogs,	29 00
Non-resident highway taxes,	45 00
School house tax in Dist. No. 7, with percentage,	36 05
“ “ “ 6, “	5 20
Amount committed to collector, including non-resident tax,	\$2,504 78
Highway tax to be paid in labor, with percentage,	822 96
Whole amount of school money, including Literary Fund and dog tax,	904 25

AMOUNT OF SCHOOL MONEY APPROPRIATED TO EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT.

District No. 1.	\$127 32
“ “ 2.	200 39
“ “ 3.	115 83
“ “ 4.	116 02
“ “ 5.	106 06
“ “ 6.	104 79
“ “ 7.	133 84

ORDERS ISSUED.

SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Paid Martin Bates remainder of school house tax	
for Dist. No. 7, assessed April 1st, 1875,	\$11 06
Geo. D. Hayward, school house tax for Dist.	
No. 6, for the year 1879,	5 20
Chas. A. Nichols, school house tax for Dist. No.	
7, for the year 1879,	35 00
Edward Louiselle school money for Dist. No. 1,	127 32
Geo. H. McCoy school money for Dist. No. 2,	200 39
B. H. Britton “ “ “ “ 3,	115 83
Mrs. Daniel Wright, “ “ “ “ 4,	116 02
Chas. Bates “ “ “ “ 5,	82 00
Geo. D. Hayward “ “ “ “ 6,	104 79
Chas. A. Nichols “ “ “ “ 7,	133 84
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	\$931 45

ORDINARY TOWN CHARGES.

Paid D. Smith, services as auditor,	\$ 1 00
J. S. Collins, “	1 00
Geo. C. H. Deets, for supporting watering trough,	2 00
Geo. H. McCoy, services as undertaker,	14 00

Paid Geo. H. McCoy, services as janitor,	\$ 3 75
Allen Hayward, services as town treasurer, for the year 1878,	15 00
A. D. Hammond, for services as one of the selectmen for 1878,	32 83
E. D. Banks, for services as one of the select- men for 1878,	29 00
L. R. Guillow, for services as one of the select- men for 1878,	51 25
John A. Smith, for services as town clerk, for the year 1878,	15 00
S. W. Dart, for services as superintending school committee, for the year 1878,	35 00
Cuthbert & Minor, allowed by vote of town,	51 05
B. H. Horton, for fees and expenses, for getting town weights and measures sealed by County sealer,	4 00
W. H. Spalter & Co., for collector's book, invoice books, surveyor's books and blank books,	3 83
J. D. Colony & Sons, for printing town reports,	22 50
Allen Hayward, services as supervisor, for 1878,	3 00
Geo. B. Rawson, " " "	3 00
D. W. Bill, " " "	2 00
Geo. A. Litchfield, County tax, for the year 1879,	588 18
Solon A. Carter, State tax, for the year 1879,	712 00
L. R. Guillow, for use of team to Keene to set- tle with County commissioners, and to pay for counsel on taxes and road case; and for team to deliver blank inventories,	6 35
Jotham Bates, for working out non-resident highway tax,	4 23
John E. Bridge, for working out non-resident highway taxes,	7 77
A. D. Hammond, for non-resident highway receipts,	6 75
A. D. Hammond, for ink and writing paper,	98
Geo. Learoyd, for storing fire engine two years,	2 00
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	\$1,617 47

REPAIRS OF HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Paid N. O. Hayward for work and bridge plank for highways,	\$ 5 46
Geo. E. Newman for lumber and plank,	14 24
Geo. Bates for labor on highway in Dist. No. 5,	6 09
Luther H. Guillow for work on Grimes' Hill,	50
Geo. Bates for work and lumber on highway and bridge near Frank Nevers' house,	3 83
Ezra Howard for work on highway,	50
A. J. Howard & Co., for bridge plank,	3 90
W. L. Isham for work on highway,	3 25
R. E. Guillow " "	1 50
Chas. E. Eveleth for work on highway between E. Smith's house and Geo. Wright's,	6 00
Geo. W. Taylor for railing and bridge plank, furnished in the years 1878 and 1879,	11 91
John C. Guillow for breaking roads and repairing roads near Chas. Nichols' house,	5 84
Geo. W. Newman for 790 ft. railing,	7 90
Milton Stearns for work on highway between Stearns' house and Geo. Wright's,	10 00
Geo. H. Carpenter for work on highway in Dist. No. 4,	12 40
J. C. Guillow for work on highway and bridge plank, and iron for railing pins,	5 63
B. J. Mullins for sharpening picks and railing pins, and repairing road scraper,	2 40
Gilman Miller for work on Bingham Hill,	84
Densil Miller for putting up railing, and work on road,	1 43
Geo. C. H. Deets for work on road,	84
Jehiel White for railing and work on highway,	5 50
L. R. Guillow for work on highway near Randall Rock,	2 00
J. J. Isham for repairing road scraper,	2 00
Mason Guillow for work on Bingham Hill,	2 62
Benj. E. Guillow for carrying road scraper to Keene and back, and for iron for railing pins,	80

Paid S. C. Gates for work on highway,	\$3 50
E. D. Banks for putting up railing, work on high- ways with oxen,	10 12
A. D. Hammond, spikes, powder fuse,	1 17
E. R. Carpenter for work on bridge, and sharpen- ing picks, drills, &c.,	1 25
N. O. Hayward, plank, nails and timber for railing,	2 60
Abram Guyett for work on Bingham hill,	50
Geo. E. Newman for plank and logs,	28 23
S. W. Dart for plank and logs,	10 50
Enos Cross for breaking roads,	72
L. R. Guillow for cutting ice out of pond and repairing bridge near S. W. Dart's mill,	1 00
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	\$176 97

SUPPORT OF PAUPERS.

Paid Geo. E. Newman for getting coffin for Otis Bill,	\$1 00
S. L. Nash for boarding Elisha Nash 7 weeks,	7 00
Elisha Nash, by order of Co. Commissioners,	3 00
J. C. Guillow for wood furnished Mrs. J. S. Bingham,	2 25
Calvin Chandler for use of team to carry tramp to Keene jail,	1 50
B. J. Mullins for arresting tramp and taking him to Keene jail,	2 00
Albert Hubbard for breakfast for tramp,	35
D. W. Bill for services as witness on pauper claim,	2 00
B. J. Mullins for arresting J. S. Bingham, in May 1878 and in Oct. 1879, and taking him to Keene jail both times,	7 00
L. R. Guillow for use of team to Stoddard, and cash paid County Registry,	2 50
Benj. E. Guillow for getting coffin for James Davis,	1 00
“ “ “ “ John Foss,	1 00

Paid Geo. H. McCoy for sawing wood and for milk furnished Mrs. J. S. Bingham,	\$1 00
Chas. W Bingham for statements and affidavits, and going to Stoddard twice on pauper claims,	3 50
A. D. Hammond for goods and provisions furnished C. A. Seward,	24 00
A. D. Hammond, goods and provisions furnished Mrs. J. S. Bingham,	6 08
L. R. Guillow for carrying Elisha Nash to County alms house,	3 50
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	\$68 68

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid N. O. Hayward for keeping tinman's horse,	\$ 75
“ “ lumber for town house,	8 06
Geo. Learoyd for land damage for building new road to cemetery,	100 00
Chas. R. Sargent for services rendered by order of court, on petition of James Rawson and others.	29 40
Betsey I. Bill for land damage for building new road to cemetery,	37 00
H. E. Adams for seven Unabridged Dictionaries,	60 72
T. T. Clark for building a new bridge near Jacob Polley's,	80 00
Silvanus Hayward, by vote of town, for publishing and printing town history,	500 00
Humphrey Machine Co., for repairing road scraper,	6 75
Batchelder & Faulkner for cost in highway case of W. A. Wilder,	34 25
Claudius B. Hayward and E. D. Banks for building new road to cemetery,	245 00
O. J. Willson for bounties paid on fox and hawk,	70
L. R. Guillow “ “ foxes and hawks,	3 60
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	\$1,106 23

RECAPITULATION

OF EXPENDITURES.

Orders issued for support of schools and school	
house taxes,	\$ 931 45
ordinary town charges,	1,617 47
repairs of highways and bridges,	176 97
support of paupers,	68 68
miscellaneous expenses,	1,106 23
	<hr/> \$3,900 80

TREASURER'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1st, 1880.

March 1, 1879, Money in treasury,	\$766 14
April 17, 1879, Rec'd of the selectmen, money received from the County for the support of J. S. Bingham's family, in the year 1878,	6 00
Rec'd of the selectmen, money received from the County, it being one-half of the expense paid out by the town for the support of Belding Dart, from July 4th, 1868 to April 1st, 1869,	36 50

April 25, 1879,	Rec'd of selectmen, money received from the town of Sullivan, it being money paid out by the town of Gil- sum for digging grave for Mrs. Franklin Nevers,	\$ 2 00
	Rec'd of S. W. Dart, collector for 1877,	25 87
	“ “ “ “	
	interest,	3 92
	Rec'd of S. W. Dart, collector for 1878,	384 93
	“ “ “ “	
	interest,	15 32
	Rec'd of Five Cents Savings Bank, in- terest on money deposited,	6 25
Oct. 25, 1879,	Rec'd of selectmen, money received of the County for the support of Elisha Nash,	10 00
Jan. 10, 1880,	Rec'd of selectmen, Savings Bank tax,	951 60
	“ Literary fund,	45 51
	Rec'd of G. W. Newman, collector for 1879,	2,263 57
	Rec'd of G. W. Newman, collector for 1879, interest,	4 51
	Rec'd of G. W. Newman, dog tax, assessed in 1879,	26 00
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		\$4,548 02
	Paid out by order of selectmen,	3,900 80
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	Leaving balance in treasury,	\$ 647 22

A. D. HAMMOND, Treasurer.

INDEBTEDNESS OF TOWN, MARCH 1st, 1880.

Estimated amount due town officers,	\$165 00
Due school Dist. No. 5,	24 06
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	\$189 06

ASSETS.

Money in treasury, March 1st, 1880,	\$647 22
In hands of collector for 1879,	180 55
“ “ 1878,	76 43
“ “ 1877,	21 51
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	\$925 71
Indebtedness deducted,	189 06
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Leaving a balance in the treasury and in hands of collectors,	\$736 65
All of which is respectfully submitted.	

L. R. GUILLOW, } Selectmen
 E. D. BANKS, } of
 O. J. WILLSON, } Gilsum.

We, the undersigned auditors chosen by the Town of Gilsum to examine and audit the accounts of Selectmen and Treasurer of said town, report that we have attended to that duty and believe said report to be correctly cast and properly vouched.

DANIEL SMITH,
 JOHN S. COLLINS.

REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

FOR 1879.

In accordance with the laws of the State of New Hampshire, your committee submit the following report:

Raised by town, tax for school purposes,	\$800 00
Literary Fund,	46 25
Tax on dogs,	38 00
Interest on school fund,	20 00
	\$904 25

This amount was divided as follows—\$614.00 and dog tax equally among the several districts, and the balance according to valuation, making the amount for each district and the amount for each scholar as follows:

	Whole Amount.	Dist. Tax for Repairs.	Amount per Scholar.
District No. 1,	\$127 32		\$ 6 70
“ “ 2,	200 39		5 01
“ “ 3,	115 83		12 87
“ “ 4,	116 02		8 28
“ “ 5,	106 06		5 89
“ “ 6,	104 79	\$ 5 00	17 46
“ “ 7,	133 84	35 00	3 10

TABLE I.

No. of Dist.	Terms.	NAMES OF TEACHERS.	Weeks School.	Whole Number of Scholars.	Teachers' Wages per month, includ- ing board.	Visits by Supt'g Committee.	Visits by Prud. Committee.	Visits by Citizens and others.	Amount for each Scholar.	Per cent. of At- tendance.
I.	Summer.	Jennie E. Wood	8	13	\$24.00	2	1	21	\$ 6.70	95
	Winter.	" "	11	19	24.00	2	1	27		92
II.	Summer.	Idella M. Gunn.	8	36	26.00	2	1	50	5.01	93
	Fall.	" "	8	37	28.00	1	0	19		99
III.	Summer.	Mary J. Gilbert,	8	9	18.00	2	2	18	12.87	99
	Winter.	Mary E. Dort,	16	8	20.00	2	2	28		99
IV.	Summer.	Nellie H. Porter	8	14	18.00	2	2	28	8.28	99
	Fall.	Harriet M. Humphrey,	6½	12	20.00	1	1	11		91
V.	Summer.	Harriet M. Humphrey,	8	11	20.00	2	1	11	5.89	93
	Winter.	Hattie E. Winchester,	6	14	18.00	3	1	29		93
VI.	Summer.	Mabel H. Farrar,	11	17	20.00	2	1	11	17.46	92
	Winter.	Jennie M. Polley,	10	6	17.80	2	1	17		73
VII.	Summer.	Mattie J. Woolson,	10	6	18.80	2	1	12	3.10	97
	Fall.	Grace Hayward,	8	24	20.00	2	0	6		88
	Summer.	" "	8	28	22.00	1	0	8	93	93
	Winter.	" "	6	23	22.00	1	0	9		81

DISTRICT REPORT.

DIST. NO. 1. The school in this district was taught, eight weeks in *Summer* and eleven in *Winter*, by the same teacher, Miss JENNIE WOOD, who has had it in charge for the past two years. The per cent. of attendance was good, the work faithful and honest, and the results such as might confidently have been expected from an united district and an experienced teacher, who also knew the qualifications, the dispositions and the wants of her pupils.

DIST. NO. 2. We congratulate the people of this district in having secured the services of a teacher, in every respect so well qualified for her position and so successful as Miss IDELLA M. GUNN, whose work was not only solid, but enthusiastic, and whose order was praiseworthy. We must, however, suggest to the district that no teacher can secure the very best results without fresh air, and also express the hope that the article in the warrant for their next school meeting relative to ventilation, receive immediate attention.

There were three terms of school during the year. The *Summer* term eight weeks, the *Fall* term 7 4-5 weeks, and the *Winter*, 11 1-5 weeks. The *Winter* term was considerably broken by the illness, not only of Miss GUNN, but also of Mr. FRENCH who was hired to finish Miss GUNN's unexpired term.

DIST. NO. 3. The *Summer* term of eight weeks, was

taught by Miss M. J. GILBERT of Keene. The examination did not show quite as much progress as we had anticipated at the opening of the school, and we think may have been due to the attempt, on the part of the scholars, to take too many studies at once. The *Winter* term of sixteen weeks, was taught by Miss MARY E. DORT, also of Keene, and for whom, judging from this her first school, we confidently predict the highest success, should she continue in the teacher's work. The per cent. of attendance in this school is the best of any in town.

DIST. No. 4. The *Summer* term of eight weeks, was taught by Miss NELLIE H. PORTER of Surry, to the satisfaction of the whole district, so far as we know. The scholars did not go over a great amount of ground, but what they did go over they understood thoroughly.

The *Fall* and *Winter* terms of 6 1-2 and 8 weeks, respectively, were taught by Miss HARRIET M. HUMPHREY of Keene. We are sorry to say that Miss HUMPHREY did not meet with that degree of success which she might have had, and would have had, if the district had been united as they ought.

DIST. No. 5. The *Summer* term of six weeks, was taught by Miss HATTIE WINCHESTER of Sullivan; and the remaining eleven weeks of the school year by Miss MABEL A. FARRAR, also of Sullivan. The scholars were not all present at the examination, at the close of the year, but we judge from no fault of the teacher, nor from any dissatisfaction whatever. Those who were present showed that they had made good progress and had been well drilled. We were pleased with what we saw of this examination.

DIST. No. 6. The *Summer* term of ten weeks, was taught by Miss JENNIE POLLY. Notwithstanding the small number of scholars (only six,) Miss POLLY labored faithfully and with enthusiasm, and was rewarded with success. Honor to whom honor is due, and this we cheerfully render.

The *Winter* term of ten weeks, was taught by Miss MATTIE J. WOOLSON of Chicopee, Mass., we believe, to the satisfaction of the majority of the district.

DIST. No. 7. The school in No. 7, was taught eight

weeks in the *Summer*, eight in the *Fall*, and nine in the *Winter*. by GRACE HAYWARD. The *Summer* term was closed with an unusually fine examination; but, during the Winter, sickness interfered, and, as a consequence, several of the scholars were compelled to leave. Those who remained, however, showed that their work had been well done. The order was good, and we consider Miss HAYWARD a first-class teacher.

On the whole, our schools during the past year have been successful, and their condition is such as to afford ground for present satisfaction, and for future hope. Nevertheless, we must never forget that any relaxation of effort or care will cause a speedy decline in their efficiency.

At our last annual town meeting, the town voted to furnish each school district with a Webster's Unabridged Dictionary. This was a move in the right direction; and we hope that at no far distant day it will be followed up by the addition of a globe and a few outline maps for each school district.

The importance of education, for both brain and fingers, is increasing every year, if we care to keep pace with the inhabitants of the more fertile and favored portions of our country. The day has already passed in which New England can at all compete with the rest of our land in agriculture. Literature, invention, science and manufactories, are still open to us. Their connection with education, and their relation to it are obvious. We need not be discouraged. The census of 1870 shows that the average value of the productions of the inhabitants of New Hampshire is greater than that of some of the most fertile portions of the state of Illinois.

One word more and we close our report. Let every legal voter in every district in town, be careful to attend his annual school meeting, and see that such persons are chosen for Prudential Committees as will make their best efforts to secure competent and reliable teachers, and then, so far as lies in their power, will aid them in the discharge of their duties.

H. E. ADAMS,

Superintending School Committee.

Gilsum, March 1, 1880.

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